REMARKS

Pending claims 18-33 are allowed in the application. Applicants thank the examiner for this indication of allowabilty. As discussed below, claims 29-33 have been amended and new claims 34-44 have been added.

Claim 29 has been amended to broaden the claim. Applicants submit that this amendment was not made for the purposes of patentability and does not narrow the scope of the claims. The amendment limits the "telecommunication mailbox" limitation of the "storing said message" clause of claim 29. *See Aclara Biosciences, Inc. v. Caliper Technologies Copr.*, 125 F.Supp.2d 391, 400 (N.D. Cal. 2000).

Claims 30-33 have been amended to fix a minor typographical error. The term "system" had been inadvertently used in these claims instead of the term "method". Applicants submit that this amendment was not made for the purposes of patentability and does not narrow the scope of the claims. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have clearly understood the original claim to recite a method.

Claims 34-44 have been added to ensure proper disclosure of the invention. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable over the art of record.

Finally, Applicants submit the attached Invention Disclosure Statement for the Examiner's consideration. While it is possible that this exact IDS was previously entered into this application, Applicants' records to not contain any indication that this has occurred and therefore are submitting this IDS at this time.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and favorable action in connection with this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4310 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."**

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18. (Unchanged) A system for providing voice messaging to a wireless device and a landline communication device, the system comprising:

a voice mailbox;

a mobile switching center interface capable of receiving requests to leave messages in the voice mailbox for the wireless device or the landline communication device; and

a message waiting indicator coupled to said mobile switching center interface, wherein when a request to leave a message is received at the mobile switching center interface for either the wireless device or the landline communication device, a message waiting indication is transmitted to both the wireless device and the landline communication device.

19. (Unchanged) The system of claim 18, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to said landline communication device though a hub end office without passing through said mobile switching center.

20. (Unchanged) The system of claim 19, wherein the message waiting indication is sent to said hub end office via an SDMI link, and the message waiting indication is sent from said hub end office to the landline communication device through a remote end office over the Signal System 7 network.

21. (Unchanged) The system of claim 19, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to the landline communication device using a simplified message desk data link.

22. (Unchanged) The system of claim 21 wherein said message waiting indicator causes notifications to be sent to said wireless device and said landline communication device substantially simultaneously.

23. (Unchanged) The system of claim 21 wherein said message waiting indicator causes a notification to be first sent to one of said wireless device and said landline communication device and then subsequently causes a notification to be sent to the other one of said wireless device and said landline communication device when a predetermined condition is satisfied.

24. (Unchanged) A system for providing messaging to a plurality of stations, comprising:

a mailbox that is associated with a wireless device and a landline communication device;

a mobile network interface coupled to a first mobile switching center serving said wireless device, said mobile network interface receiving a request though said mobile switching center to leave a message for a landline communication device; and

a message waiting indicator coupled to said mobile network interface, wherein the message waiting indicator transmits a message waiting indication to both the wireless device and the landline communication device when a request to leave a message is received for either the wireless device or the landline communication device.

25. (Unchanged) The system of claim 24, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to said landline communication device though a hub end office without passing through said mobile switching center.

26. (Unchanged) The system of claim 25, wherein the message waiting indication is sent to said hub end office via an SDMI link, and the message waiting indication is sent from said hub end office to the landline communication device through a remote end office over the Signal System 7 network.

27. (Unchanged) The system of claim 26, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to the landline communication device using a simplified message desk data link.

28. (Unchanged) The system of claim 27 wherein said message waiting indications are sent to said wireless device and said landline communication device substantially simultaneously.

29. (Amended) A method ~~for providing messaging to a plurality of stations, the method~~ comprising:

~~associating a telecommunication mailbox with a wireless device and a landline communication device;~~

receiving a message for a ~~said~~ wireless device and for a ~~said~~ landline communication device though a mobile switching station;

storing said message for said wireless device and said landline communication device in a ~~said~~ telecommunication mailbox, wherein said telecommunication mailbox is associated with said wireless device and said landline communication device; and

transmitting a message waiting indication to said wireless device and said landline communication device.

30. (Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 29, wherein the message waiting indication is transmitted to the landline communication device though a hub end office without passing through said mobile switching center.

31. (Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 30, wherein the message waiting indication is transmitted to said hub end office via a SDMI link, and the message waiting indication is transmitted from said hub end office to the landline communication device through a remote end office over the Signal System 7 network.

32. (Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 31, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to the landline communication device using a simplified message desk data link.

33. (Amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 32 wherein said message waiting indication is transmitted to said wireless device and said landline communication device substantially simultaneously.

34. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a means for receiving a message for a wireless device and for a landline communication device though a mobile switching station;

a means for storing said message for said wireless device and said landline communication device in a telecommunication mailbox, wherein said telecommunication mailbox is associated with said wireless device and said landline communication device; and

a means for transmitting a message waiting indication to said wireless device and said landline communication device.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the message waiting indication is transmitted to the landline communication device though a hub end office without passing through said mobile switching center.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the message waiting indication is transmitted to said hub end office via a SDMI link, and the message waiting indication is transmitted from said hub end office to the landline communication device through a remote end office over the Signal System 7 network.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to the landline communication device using a simplified message desk data link.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said message waiting indication is transmitted to said wireless device and said landline communication device substantially simultaneously.

40. (New) A system comprising:

a mailbox that is associated with a first communication device and a second communication device;

a network interface to receive a request to leave a message; and

a message waiting indicator coupled to said network interface, wherein the message waiting indicator transmits a message waiting indication to both the first communication device and the second communication device when a request to leave a message is received at the network interface.

41. (New) The system of claim 40, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to said first communication device though a hub end office.

42. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the message waiting indication is sent to said hub end office via an SDMI link, and the message waiting indication is sent from said hub end office to the first communication device through a remote end office over the Signal System 7 network.

43. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the message waiting indication is provided to the first communication device using a simplified message desk data link.

44. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein said message waiting indications are sent to said first communication device and said second communication device substantially simultaneously.